

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
Tuesday, 6 April 2010
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Richard Duffy, Co-Chairman, presiding, with Co-Chair JoAnn Robinson and Commissioners Pamela Meister, Dianne Schaefer, and Eric Stange.
2. Review of minutes from January 5, 2010: Minutes from January were reviewed and approved as amended.
3. Communications Received:
 - a. Message from Henry Fontaine regarding 25 Kensington Park looking for permit for building department.
 - b. Message from Henry Fontaine-Ms. Robinson visited the site and reviewed the plans for garage at 25 Kensington Park. Satisfied with plans and will send permit to building department.
 - c. Eileen Messina calling from the Town Manager's Office trying to reach Patrick Guthrie regarding the end of his term on the Commission, which expires at the end of April. Wants to know of his plans to continue on the board. Please contact.
 - d. Darren DeSisto is researching family history of past ownership of a farm in Arlington. Referred him to the Robbins Library.
 - e. David York at 55 Brattle St. Repairs to roof due to leaks and wants guidance regarding types of shingles to use. Ms. Robinson called to relay that the Commission has no jurisdiction on roof repairs, but when changes are planned for the windows, etc. please call us.
 - f. Keith regarding 132 Webster St. Looking for demolition permit. Form sent to Building Department. Not on Inventory.
 - g. 13 Addison Street. Changes to window at side of house. David. W. from Feinman Incorporated. Less than 25%.
 - h. Niru Bhatia regarding 418-420 Massachusetts Ave. asking about interior changes. Asked if there are any special permits required from the Commission. No jurisdiction.
 - i. Email from Clarissa Rowe informing the Commission that we have a slot on the Arlington Tourist Committee regarding the Byway Project.
 - j. Application for cell phone tower to be put on 6 Jason St. JoAnn wrote a letter to woman who was seeking comment from the Commission about opposition to this proposal. The letter says that this is tower is unacceptable, especially due to its location across from the Jason Russell House.
 - k. Mail regarding cell tower on Turkey Hill. Commission has no comment.
 - l. Notice about 40 B project at 17 Winter Street on March 30.

4. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations:
 - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Frisch) – No report.
 - b. Zoning By-Law Review Committee (Stange) – Committee met and went over warrant articles and took no action.
 - c. Arlington Historical Society (Meister) – Next lecture on April 27, 2010.
 - d. Old Schwamb Mill (Duffy) – Spring Open House.
 - e. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Frisch) – No report.
 - f. Mill Brook Linear Park Study Committee (Robinson)-Ms. Robinson writing a report for Town Meeting.
 - g. Battle Road Scenic Byway (Robinson)-To publicize that Arlington is establishing its first ever Tourism Committee and there is a slot for an Arlington Historical Commission member. Commissioner Robinson has agreed to fill this position.
5. Historical Commission FY 2009 Budget – Purchase order for hearing notices to be submitted.
6. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
 - a. 3-5 Brattle Street (Fertman) 4/02 Stange – Nothing to report.
 - b. 821 Massachusetts Avenue (Noyes RT) 10/03; modified 4/08 Duffy – Plans regarding the Atwood house were discussed. Mr. Duffy wants to present at the Redevelopment Board regarding the future of the property.
 - c. Symmes Hospital (Town of Arlington) 6/04 Duffy –Plans for a town house village appeared in the Advocate.
 - d. 21 Appleton Street (Colosimo) 4/08 Robinson – Resumed work on siding on Appleton side.
 - e. 43-45 Massachusetts Ave. (Shapiro) 7/08 Schaefer – Nothing to report.
 - f. 71 Walnut Street (Brown) 3/09 Guthrie- Nothing to report.
 - g. 53 Brattle Street (Slebodnick) 6/09 Guthrie- Nothing to report.
 - h. 6 Park Street (White) 12/09 Meister- Nothing to report.
 - i. 15 Oldham Road (Bayer/Cantor) 12/09 Stange- Starting this week with work and plan to be done in 3 weeks.
 - j. 9 Fessenden Road (Duffy) 1/10-
7. Continuing Projects
 - a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings): Robinson – Attic deck being repaired. Stairs and walls insulated. Vent installed in cupola.
 - b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson – Bid specifications on pulling soil away from Library wall.
 - c. Inventory Expansion and Review: Duffy, Robinson – Nothing to report.

- d. Education/Outreach: Duffy/Robinson – Nothing to report.
 - e. Historic House Markers: Duffy – Nothing to report.
 - f. Town Hall: Duffy – Nothing to report.
 - g. Web Site: Stange –We now have a gmail account (arlhistcommission@gmail.com) for messages.
 - h. Fire alarm antenna installations: Schaefer- Waiting for better weather.
8. Discussion and Hearing:
9. Old Business:
10. New Business:

Mr. Duffy to be nominated as member of Public Memorials Committee.

Adjourn at 8:44p.m.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be May 4, 2010 at 7:45p.m.

For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.